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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information of the meither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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Samuel Bridges			Remington Arms Company, Inc. and RA Branch, LLC			
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FOR THE EASTERN DES CT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: 421 East Basin Street, Norristown, PA 19401 Address of Defendant: 870 Remington Drive. Madison, NC 27025 Oaks, PA Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? No 🗷 (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) Yes□ NoX Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? YesO RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: Judge Date Terminated: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes No 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?  $_{\text{Yes}}\square$ No□ 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?  $_{No}\square$ CIVIL: (Place ✓ in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1. 

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All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check Appropriate Category) Marc D. Vitale, Esquire\_, counsel of record do hereby certify: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; □ Relief other than monetary damages is sought. 65272 18-23 10 NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38 1 certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

> 65272 Attorney I.D.#

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

# CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT

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SAMUEL BRIDGES 421 East Basin Street Norristown, PA 19401

V.

REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, INC. 870 Remington Drive Madison, NC 27025

and

RA BRANCH, L.L.C. 870 Remington Drive Madison, NC 27025 10 7487

COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

#### JURISDICTION STATEMENT

- Plaintiff, Samuel Bridges is an individual and citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who resides at the address indicated above.
- 2. Defendants, Remington Arms Company, Inc. and RA Branch, L.L.C. are corporations and/or companies authorized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, whose principal place of business is located in the State of North Carolina at the address mentioned above.
- Jurisdiction is conferred on this Court by virtue of diversity of citizenship, the value of Plaintiff's damages exceed the threshold amount pursuant to 28 USCA §1332.

# **COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff, Samuel Bridges is an adult individual residing at the address set forth above.
- 2. Defendant, Remington Arms Company, Inc. is, upon information and belief, a

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- corporation authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the above address.
- 3. Defendant, RA Branch, L.L.C. is, upon information and belief, a limited liability company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 4. At all times material hereto, the actions and/or inactions of the individual Defendants were performed or not performed by and through their own duly authorized agents, servants, workmen or employees who were then and there acting within the course and scope of their authority and employment.
- 5. Said Defendants did, at all times material hereto, manufacture, formulate, design, produce, package, process, market, sell and distribute a 12 gauge game load plastic shotgun shotshell (hereinafter referred to as "shotshell").
- At all times material hereto, Defendants controlled all aspects of the manufacture, formulation, design, production, packaging, marketing, sale, and distribution of the shotshell.
- 7. On or about December 29, 2008, Plaintiff, Samuel Bridges fired the Defendants' aforesaid shotshell when it malfunctioned and exploded injuring his right hand.
- 8. As a result of the accident, Plaintiff, Samuel Bridges sustained the injuries and damages described more fully herein.

# COUNT I STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY

- 9. The averments of Paragraphs 1-8 above are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth at length herein.
- 10. At all times material hereto, the shotshell, purchased and used by Plaintiff, was

manufactured, formulated, designed, processed, built, packaged, marketed, transported, sold and distributed by Defendants with the expectation that it would reach consumers in Pennsylvania and did in fact reach such consumers, including Plaintiff, Samuel Bridges without substantial change in the condition in which it was sold.

- At all times material hereto, the shotshell purchased and used by Plaintiff, was manufactured, formulated, designed, processed, built, packaged, marketed, transported, sold and distributed by Defendants in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition, and such condition existed at the time it was placed in the stream of commerce.
- 12. The shotshell purchased and used by Plaintiff, was defective and unreasonably dangerous in one or more of the following particulars:
  - a. When placed in the stream of commerce, the shotshell contained unreasonably dangerous design and/or manufacturing defects and were not reasonably safe as intended to be used, subjecting its users, including Plaintiff, to risks which exceeded the benefits of its use;
  - b. When placed in the stream of commerce, the shotshell was defective in design and formulation, thereby making its use more dangerous than would be expected;
  - c. The shotshell was accompanied by inadequate instructions and/or warnings, if any, which would inform its users, including Plaintiff, of the full nature or extent of the risks or dangers associated with its use;
  - d. The shotshell was dangerous which Plaintiff was not aware and which made the shotshell unreasonably dangerous for its intended use.
- 13. As a result of his purchase and use of the shotshell, Plaintiff has suffered injuries as may be diagnosed by Plaintiff's health care providers which are or may be serious and

permanent in nature, including but not limited to an injury of the right hand, fractured finger on the right hand, lacerations and scarring which cause him great pain and suffering.

- 14. As a further result of his purchase and us of the shotshell, Plaintiff has been or will be required to receive and undergo medical care, and to expend various sums of money and to incur various expenses for the injuries he has suffered, and he may be required to continue to expend such sums or incur such expenditures for an indefinite time in the future.
- As a further result of his purchase and use of the shotshell Plaintiff has suffered medically determinable physical impairments which prevent him from performing all or substantially all of the material acts and work duties which constitute his usual and customary activities, all to his great financial detriment and loss.
- 16. As a further result of his purchase and use of the shotshell, Plaintiff has or may hereafter incur other financial expenses which do or may exceed amounts which he may otherwise be entitled to recover.
- 17. As a further result of his purchase and use of the shotshell, Plaintiff has suffered severe physical pain, disfigurement, mental anguish and humiliation, and he may continue to suffer the same for an indefinite time in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter judgment in his favor and against all Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount in excess of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000.00) DOLLARS together with any and all other costs permitted by law or which the Court may deem just.

#### COUNT II

#### **NEGLIGENCE**

- 18. The averments of Paragraphs 1-17 above are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth at length herein.
- 19. Defendants, either directly or indirectly, negligently and/or defectively maintained, altered, manufactured, formulated, designed, produced, packaged, marketed, sold and distributed the shotshell in Pennsylvania used by Plaintiff.
- 20. At all times material hereto, Defendants had a duty to any and all purchasers and users of lifts including Plaintiff, to exercise reasonable care in the manufacture, formulation, design, maintenance, alteration, production, packaging, marketing, distribution, testing, processing, advertising, labeling, assembling, promotion and sale of the shotshells purchased and used by Plaintiff.
- 21. Defendants breached the duty owed to Plaintiff and were negligent in the maintenance, alteration, manufacture, formulation, design, production, packaging marketing, distribution, testing, processing, advertising, labeling, assembling, promotion and sale of the shotshell purchased and used by Plaintiff, Samuel Bridges.
- 22. The negligence and carelessness of Defendants, acting as aforesaid, consisted of, but is not limited to, the following:
  - failing to adequately and properly inspect its manufacturing process and maintenance procedure;
  - failing to promulgate, adopt and implement adequate protocols, procedures and/or safeguards which would have prevented the defects and malfunctions of the shotshell;

- c. failing to adequately and properly inspect its manufacturing facilities.
- 23. As a result of his purchase and use of the shotshell, Plaintiff, Samuel Bridges suffered the injuries and damages set forth in Count I above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter judgment in his favor and against all Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount in excess of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000.00) DOLLARS together with any and all other costs permitted by law or which the Court may deem just.

# COUNT HI BREACH OF EXPRESS AND/OR IMPLIED WARRANTY

- 24. The averments of Paragraphs 1-23 above are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth at length herein.
- 25. At the time, place and in the manner of the sale, distribution and supply of the shotshell, Defendants expressly represented and warranted that the product was safe, and impliedly warranted that the product was reasonably fit for its intended purpose, and was of marketable quality.
- 26. Notwithstanding the representations made by Defendants, the shotshell, purchased and used by Plaintiff, was unfit and unsafe for its intended purpose; such purpose being use by persons such as Plaintiff.
- 27. At the time, place and in the manner of the sale, distribution and supply of the shotshell, it was not reasonably fit or safe for its intended purpose and, therefore, was not of marketable quality, and constituted a potentially extreme hazard and danger to persons using said product, including Plaintiff.
- 28. Defendants is in breach of these warranties by failing to warn purchasers and consumers

- of the shotshell, including Plaintiff, of known or readily ascertainable risks associated with its use.
- 29. As a result of Defendants' breach of these warranties, Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages as set forth in Count I.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter judgment in his favor and against all Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount in excess of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000.00) DOLLARS together with any and all other costs permitted by law or which the Court may deem just.

## COUNT IV STRICT SELLER LIABILITY

- 30. The averments of Paragraphs 1-29 above are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth at length herein.
- 31. At all times material hereto, the Defendants were the sellers and/or suppliers of the defective shotshell purchased and used by Plaintiff, Samuel Bridges and were engaged in the business of selling such products.
- 32. For all of the reasons set forth herein at length, the shotshell purchased by Plaintiff from the Defendants was defective and unreasonably dangerous for use by Plaintiff.
- 33. As a result of his purchase and use of the defective shotshell from the Defendants,
  Plaintiff has suffered the injuries and damages as set forth in Count I above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter judgment in his favor and against all Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount in excess of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000.00) DOLLARS together with any and all other costs permitted by law or which the Court may deem just.

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### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a Jury Trial of six (6) members on all issues contained herein.

BROWNSTEIN VITALE & WEISS, P.C.

BY:

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# **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 4:5-1**

I certify that to my knowledge no action arising from the same incident has been filed on behalf of Plaintiff in this or any other county.

BROWNSTEIN VITALE & WEISS, P.C.

BY:

MARC D. VITALE, ESQUIRE ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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